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**PATENT APPLICATION
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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In re the Application of

Stephen Peter FITZGERALD et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

Application No.: 09/389,082

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For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ASSAY DEVICES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 17 as follow:

1. (Twice Amended) An assay assembly, comprising:
 - a chip on which an array of reactive species is immobilized; and
 - a storage well having a continuous base and side walls;
 - wherein said chip is located in said storage well and rests on said base of said storage well, said chip being retained in said storage well by retaining means.

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